THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government has approved the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under Coordinated Action for Skill Development in December, 2008 under which financial grant is provided for Modernization of Polytechnics during the Eleventh Plan. Till 7th December 2009, five polytechnics out of the 17 Polytechnic modernization projects of Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned for release of funds.

Central grants for SSA

2554. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has substantially reduced Central share of grants under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme;

(b) whether Government is aware that States have to incur huge expenditure on salary of primary school teachers, construction of schools/classrooms, etc.; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to reverse its decision and to reintroduce the earlier Tenth Plan pattern of grants in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Framework for Implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme had provided a funding pattern of 50:50 during the 11th Plan period. However, taking into account the demand of State Governments for continuing with funding pattern of 10th Plan *i.e.* 75:25, the Central Government had reconsidered the matter and has notified the following revised funding pattern between Central Government and States for the 11th Plan:

(i) 65:35 - during 2007-08 & 2008-09

(ii) 60:40-during 2009-10

(iii) 55:45 - during 2010-2011

(iv) 50:50 - during 2011-12 and thereafter

In respect of the North Eastern (ME) States, the sharing pattern is in the 90:10 ratio after taking into account the Central share sourced from the 10% earmarked funds for the NE States in the SSA's Central Budget. Under SSA States incur expenditure on all components including teacher salary and civil works as per the approved sharing pattern. There is no proposal to revise the sharing pattern of SSA.

Central University of Koraput

2555. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central University of Koraput, Orissa is functioning at Bhubaneswar instead of functioning and working at Koraput;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government could consider also establishing Central university having medical college and engineering college one each at Bolangir and at Mayurbhanj-Baripada considering the poverty and backwardness of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central University of Orissa is functioning at Koraput and, pending development of its permanent campus, all the academic programmes offered by the University are being run from the campus of the Council of Analytical Tribal Studies (COATS) located in the heart of Koraput town. The University is, however, having a camp office at Bhubaneswar also for the time-being.

(c) Presently, it may not be possible for the Government to consider establishment of any more Central Universities in Orissa.

Schemes for promoting schooling of tribal children

2556. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of tribal children at the secondary and higher secondary levels in different States of the country;

(b) whether there is any specific scheme to promote the secondary and higher secondary schooling of tribal children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per Selected Educational Statistics 2006-07 compiled by this Ministry, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of ST students for classes IX-X was 41.75%. GER for ST students in classes XI-XII was 19.18%. The average pass percentages of ST students in the Secondary and Higher Secondary Examination - 2007 conducted by various Examination Boards in the country were 55.40 and 60.44 respectively. State wise details in this regard are given in Statement-I and Statement-II *(See* below).

(b) and (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education" implemented by this Ministry, a sum of Rs.3000 is deposited in the name of all eligible girls belonging to SC/ST, who enroll in class IX in Government, Government-aided or local body schools. The girl would be entitled to withdraw it along with interest thereon on reaching 18 years of age provided she complete 10th class successful and is not married. Under the centrally sponsored scheme "Girls' Hostel", which is meant for girls of secondary and higher secondary schools in educationally backward blocks, 50% of the seats are meant for girls belonging to SC/ST/OBC/minorities. There are also centrally sponsored scheme for construction of ST boys and girls hostels and for establishment of Ashram schools in tribal sub-plan areas which are implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.